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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/975,133

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING
ASSAY SYSTEMS IN MICROSCALE
FLUIDIC DEVICES

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the priority information beginning on page 1, line 7 with the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/671,987, filed June 28, 1996 (now U.S. Pat. 5,942,443). This application also is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/664,847, filed September 19, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/179,242, filed October 26, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. 6,156,181), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/843,212, filed April 14, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. 5,885,470), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/015,498.